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## **INCLUSION ART EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATES LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DISABILITY**

Burnaby, BC —It's Community Living Month in BC, and *posAbilities* is pleased to present the 11<sup>th</sup> annual [INCLUSION Art Show & Sale](#) featuring the recent and original work of more than 150 BC artists with disabilities on October 28-29, 2015 at Heritage Hall in Vancouver.

This show brings together artists of all capabilities whose work inspires community and has the potential to dismantle barriers and perceptions of ability. Many of the artists have curated their own collections and are present at the show. Guests can engage with them to discover how their creations manifest the lived experience of disability.

On October 28, 2015 from 6:00-6:15pm, there will be brief opening night address to learn about the collective impact of an inclusive arts community from representatives of: the City of Vancouver, Community Living BC, BC Government Employees Union and *posAbilities*.

### **Interesting Facts**

- All works are original (paintings, photography, pottery, jewellery, art cards/crafts etc.).
- Over 500 pieces of art will be on exhibition and for sale this year.
- 90% of the sales price of each item sold is returned to the artist.
- The show's sales were over \$8,000 in 2014.
- 8 studios sponsored by Community Living Organizations across Metro Vancouver participate.
- Several artists are co-emceeing the show.

This annual Art Show aims to foster an inclusive arts community, where differences are celebrated.

### **Interview and Photo Opportunities**

Contact us for a studio tour, or to arrange individual interviews with artists in advance or during the show. Meet artists like [Rebecca Nosella](#), who would appreciate the opportunity to share their stories!

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### **About *posAbilities***

*At [posAbilities](#), we assist children, youth and adults with disabilities to lead meaningful and healthy lives. We work with families and community partners to deliver a full range of services that grow with the individual, including behaviour consultation, community inclusion, employment and home living. We are actively engaged in creating art, theatre productions and digital media, continuously aspiring to challenge perceptions of ability and to reduce the stigma that is often associated with persons who have developmental disabilities.*

For more information, please visit: [www.inclusionartshow.com](http://www.inclusionartshow.com) or [www.posAbilities.ca](http://www.posAbilities.ca)

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